## LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- (Previously Presented) A golf ball comprising:
  - a core comprising an elastomeric composition comprised of a diene polymer, a reactive co-agent present by about 0 phr by weight of the elastomeric composition, and a cross-linking agent;
  - an intermediate layer encasing the core, the intermediate layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer;
  - a cover encasing the intermediate layer; and
  - a thin dense layer between the intermediate layer and the cover, the thin dense layer being positioned at a radial distance outside a centroid radius of the golf ball, and having a thickness from about 0.25 mm to about 0.5 mm,

wherein the thin dense layer is made from a material selected from the group consisting of polyureas, epoxies and silicones.

- 2. (Cancelled).
- (Cancelled).
- 4. (Cancelled).
- (Cancelled).
- (Cancelled).
- (Previously Presented) The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the thin dense layer does not
  appreciably affect the overall ball properties of feel, compression and cover hardness.
- (Previously Presented) The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the thin dense layer has a specific gravity of greater than about 1.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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- (Previously Presented) The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the thin dense layer has a specific gravity of greater than about 1.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
- 10. (Previously Presented) A golf ball having a diameter of about 1.68 inches comprising: a core comprising an elastomeric composition, comprising a diene rubber, a reactive coagent present by less than about 5 phr by weight of the elastomeric composition, and a cross-linking agent, and having an Atti compression of 10-60 and a specific gravity of less than 1.05;
  - an intermediate layer encasing the core, the intermediate layer comprising a highly neutralized polymer;
  - a cover encasing the intermediate layer; and
  - a thin dense layer between the intermediate layer and the cover, the thin dense layer being positioned at a radial distance outside a centroid radius of the golf ball, and having a thickness from about 0.25 mm to about 0.5 mm.
  - wherein the thin dense layer has a specific gravity of greater than 2.0 g/cm3.
- (Canceled).
- 12. (Canceled).
- 13. (Original) The golf ball of claim 10, wherein the reactive co-agent is present by about 0 phr.
- 14. (Original) The golf ball of claim 10, wherein the reactive co-agent comprises a metal salt of diacrylate, dimethacrylate, or monomethacrylate, or a non-metallic oligomer.
- 15. (Original) The golf ball of claim 14, wherein the metal is selected from zinc, magnesium, calcium, barium, tin, aluminum, lithium, sodium, potassium, iron, zirconium, and bismuth.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The golf ball of claim 10, wherein the thin dense layer does not appreciably affect the overall ball properties of feel, compression and cover hardness.

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- 17. (Cancelled).
- 18. (Cancelled).
- (Previously Presented) The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the thin dense layer has a specific gravity of greater than 2.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the thin dense layer is formed by a process selected from the group consisting of compression or injection molding, reaction injection molding, casting, spraying, dipping and powder coating.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The golf ball of claim 10, wherein the thin dense layer is formed by a process selected from the group consisting of compression or injection molding, reaction injection molding, casting, spraying, dipping and powder coating.